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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS DETECTOR DOG TRAINING

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FOR U.S. CUSTOMS ATTACHE AT INFO POST, MEXICO

1. U.S. CUSTOMS READS MISSION ASSESSMENT OF GON ANTI-NARCOTICS INVOLVEMENT AS REFLECTING A MARGINAL COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF GON. AS THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOG PROGRAM, EVEN FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF ANIMALS, REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE AND CERTAINLY AGGRESSIVE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, IT IS FELT THAT OFFERING A SPACE FOR A GON DOG HANDLER IN ONE OF THE SUMMER, 1977, FOURTEEN-WEEK PROGRAMS, WOULD SERVE NO ONES PURPOSE.

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2. RETURNING TO THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION REQUESTED, THE

FOLLOWING ADDRESSES ARE SUPPLIED: CHUCK ART, 9271 BROOKVILLE RD., PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170: TOM MCGINN, 4119 WALNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19104. BOTH MEN OPERATE DOG TRAINING CENTERS AND PROFESS EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITY IN TRAINING NARCOTIC DETECTOR DOGS AND MAN/DOG TEAMS FOR ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. WITH REGARD TO THE COST OF SUCH TRAINING, BOTH STATED THAT COSTS WOULD VARY WITH THE SOURCE AND QUALITY OF DOG PROCURED, WITH THE NECESSITY FOR

INTERPRETERS, AND WITH THE NUMBER OF NARCOTICS INVOLVED. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF TRAINING OFFERED AND COSTS INVOLVED BE DETERMINED THROUGH DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE TRAINERS. U.S. CUSTOMS HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE QUALITY OF THE TRAINING OFFERED BY THESE MEN. IN NO WAY IS THE PROVIDING OF THESE NAMES MEANT TO BE AN ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMS.

3. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE MISSION MAY WANT TO CONSIDER A THIRD ALTERNATIVE. IT IS KNOWN THAT THE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL POLICE DOG TRAINING CENTER IN BOGOTA HAS TRAINED SEVERAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM ECUADOR IN THE USE OF DOGS FOR THE DETECTION OF MARIJUANA. IT SEEMS THAT IF A SIMILAR BILATERAL PROGRAM COULD BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN GON AND GOC, THE FINAL RESULTS COULD BE BETTER ALL AROUND. KISSINGER

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